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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 September 16, 2008

Sir:

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. §609 and 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97-1.99, form PTO/SB/08a, which lists references cited in the International Search Report (ISR) and of which Applicants are aware for the application. A copy of the ISR is enclosed herewith.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists. While the term "references" is used in citing the documents called to the Examiner's attention herein, Applicants do not make any admission that each or all of them are "prior art" references within the meaning of the statutory and case law.

Applicants reserve the right to contend, where appropriate, that a patent asserted against any claim of the present application is not prior art under the facts and the law.

Applicants also reserve the right to present appropriate arguments and/or evidence to establish patentability over the references, should one or more of the references be applied against the claims of the present application.

Applicants request that the Examiner independently determine those items which the Examiner would consider the most pertinent of all the references cited herein.

An Office Action has not yet been received to date. Therefore, no fee is due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (p). However, if the Commissioner determines that any fee us due or any overpayment has been made for this application, authorization is hereby made to charge or credit such sum to Deposit Account No. 02-2275. It is respectfully requested that these references be considered and made of record and that a copy of the form PTO/SB/08a bearing the Examiner's initials be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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